

Application No. 09/474,522

Applicant's respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 15 now contain patentable subject matter and are condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 2-13 now depend from allowable independent claim 1 and partake of it novelty. Further, dependent claims 17 – 22 and 24 – 32 depend from allowable independent claim 15 and partake of its novelty.

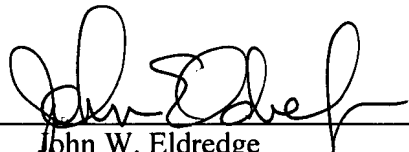
In view of the amendments made to the claims applicant's submit that the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by Johnson, et al. and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Johnson, et al. in view of Pedrick are moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

Accordingly, Applicant's submit that the application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits notification of same and early passage to issue.

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